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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6814**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 257

**NOTE PREPARED:** Mar 14, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 10, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Motor Vehicle Law.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Arnold

**FIRST SPONSOR:** Rep. Soliday

**BILL STATUS:** Enrolled

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** ☒ **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill makes various changes to motor vehicle law, including changes to:

- (1) definitions;
- (2) the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV);
- (3) the Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission;
- (4) license branches;
- (5) certificates of title;
- (6) registration of vehicles;
- (7) abandoned, salvaged, and scrap vehicles;
- (8) drivers licenses;
- (9) financial responsibility;
- (10) accidents and accident reports;
- (11) the driver education advisory board;
- (12) interstate compacts and agreements;
- (13) fees;
- (14) general penalty provisions; and
- (15) watercraft titling and registration.

The bill also makes conforming changes and technical corrections.

The bill also establishes the Interim Study Committee on Special Group Recognition License Plates.

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2012 (Retroactive); July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** The bill establishes a 10-member Interim Study Committee on Special Group Recognition License Plates, consisting of 8 legislative members and 2 members with auditing expertise appointed by the Governor. The committee is to operate under the policies governing study committees adopted by the Legislative Council. Legislative Council resolutions in the past have established budgets for interim study committees in the amount of \$9,500 per interim for committees with fewer than 16 members. The Committee is set to expire on December 31, 2012.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** BMV.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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